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The meeting was called to order at 9.45 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Philippines (A/47/246)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider the request by the Permanent Representative of the Philippines for the inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Emergency assistance to the Philippines".

2. Mr. ALLAREY (Philippines) said that he wished to extend profound sympathy to the Government and people of Egypt over the recent tragedy in Egypt, which had led to loss of life and destruction of property.

3. Following the eruption of Mount Pinatubo volcano on 16 June 1991, lahar flows, flash floods and also typhoons continued to take a heavy toll on the lives and property of thousands of people in the Philippines, particularly those living in central Luzon. For that reason, his delegation requested the Committee to recommend the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Emergency assistance to the Philippines" in the agenda of the current session of the General Assembly and hoped that it would be given priority attention.

4. Mr. YENEL (Turkey) said that his delegation extended deep condolences to the victims of the devastating earthquake in Egypt.

5. His delegation supported the request made by the representative of the Philippines. The volcanic eruption and subsequent typhoons had caused great suffering and damage, and, although the Government of the Philippines had taken all possible measures to aid the affected people, there was a clear need for international assistance. His delegation therefore hoped that the Committee would support the request to include the item in the agenda so as to set the stage for mustering international support to aid the affected people.

6. Mr. PIRIZ (Uruguay) said that his delegation supported the very legitimate request made by the Permanent Representative of the Philippines.

7. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

8. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting on a priority basis.

The meeting rose at 9.55 a.m.